UGH! MY WHOLE BODY'S ACHING SINCE I'VE BEEN FLYING SO MUCH LATELY...
I NEED SOME REST~

I'LL TAKE YOU TO YOUR ROOM, ELLIE. HOP ON!
Y-YEAH...
DID SOMETHING

HAPPEN WITH YOUR HAND?
OH, IT'S NOTHING... IT JUST... FEELS A LITTLE STRANGE.
YOU ALREADY KNOW ABOUT HOW

I CAN FEEL ENERGY,

BUT I CAN SENSE A PERSON'S ENERGY EVEN MORE STRONGLY WHEN I TOUCH THEM.
SOMETHING DEFINITELY FELT DIFFERENT WHEN I TOUCHED HER HAND EARLIER.

ISN'T IT BECAUSE SHE'S A HIGH-LEVEL MAGE?
IT FELT SORT OF... FAMILIAR, YET DIFFERENT.

YES! IT FELT LIKE THIS!
HER ENERGY FELT SIMILAR TO YOURS, EPHYR...

IS SHE...?!

DOES THAT MEAN SHE'S... A DRAGON?

EPHYR!

WE MIGHT BE...

...TOO LATE ALREADY.

SAGA

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CRACKLE

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SHHK

DAMN IT...
MY MAGIC IS FAR LESS EFFECTIVE WITHOUT A MAGIC WAND! IF THIS CONTINUES...

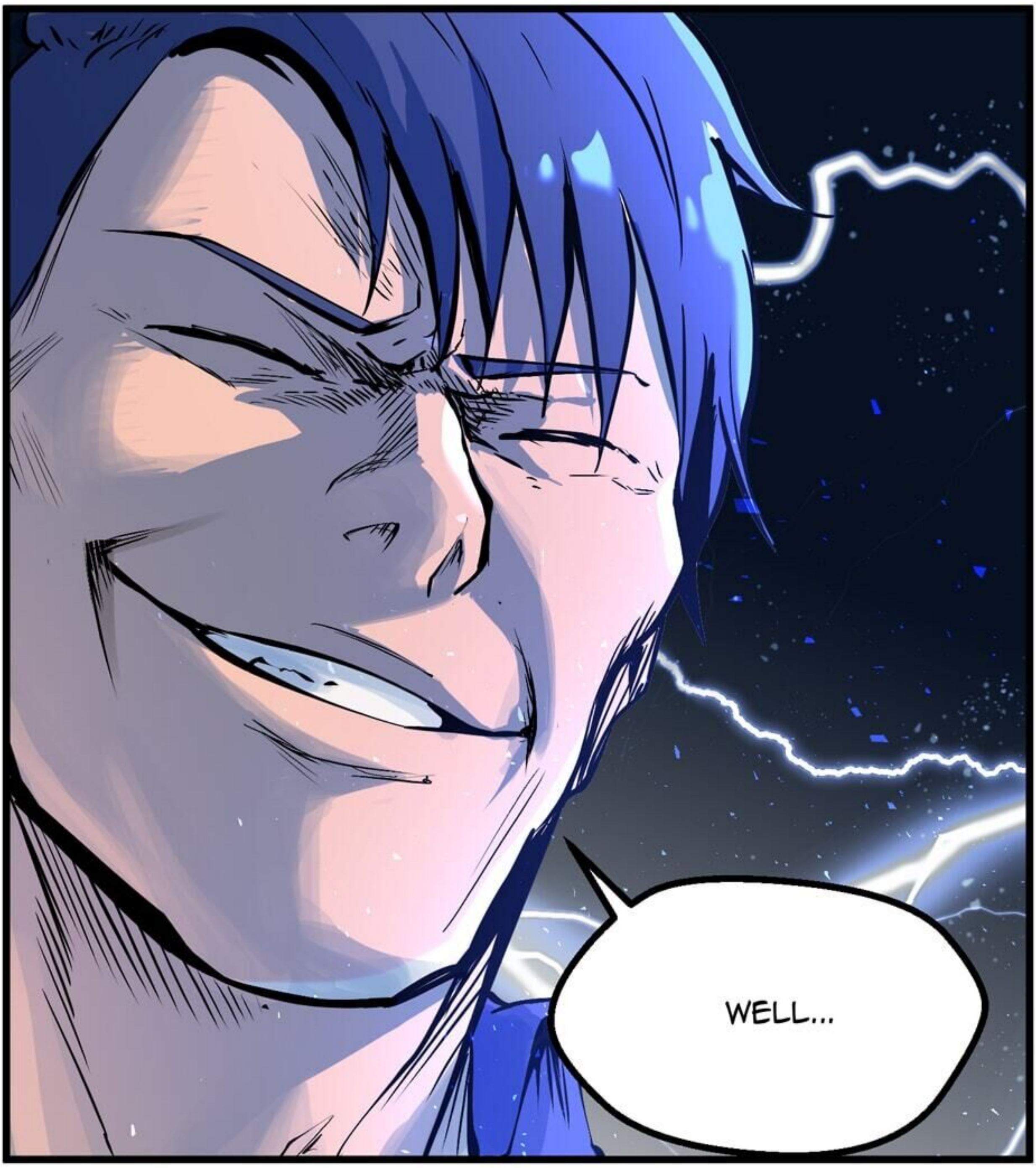
I CAN SEE HOW THE CHURCH OF LIGHT MUST BE OH-SO-CURIOUS ABOUT THIS PLACE~
VZZT
VZZT
TAT
I'M SURE THEY'RE WONDERING IF THIS IS A REAL DRAGON'S NEST.

THEY NEED TO VERIFY IT FIRST IN ORDER TO HAVE AN EXCUSE TO MAKE A MOVE.
VZZZZ
VZZZZ
I'M SURE THEY

NEEDED AN EXPERT TO INFILTRATE HERE TO FIND THAT OUT...

ISN'T THAT RIGHT? MISS EXPERT?

YOU ALREADY GAVE THEM A REASON TO MAKE A MOVE, SINCE YOU KILLED A PRIEST!

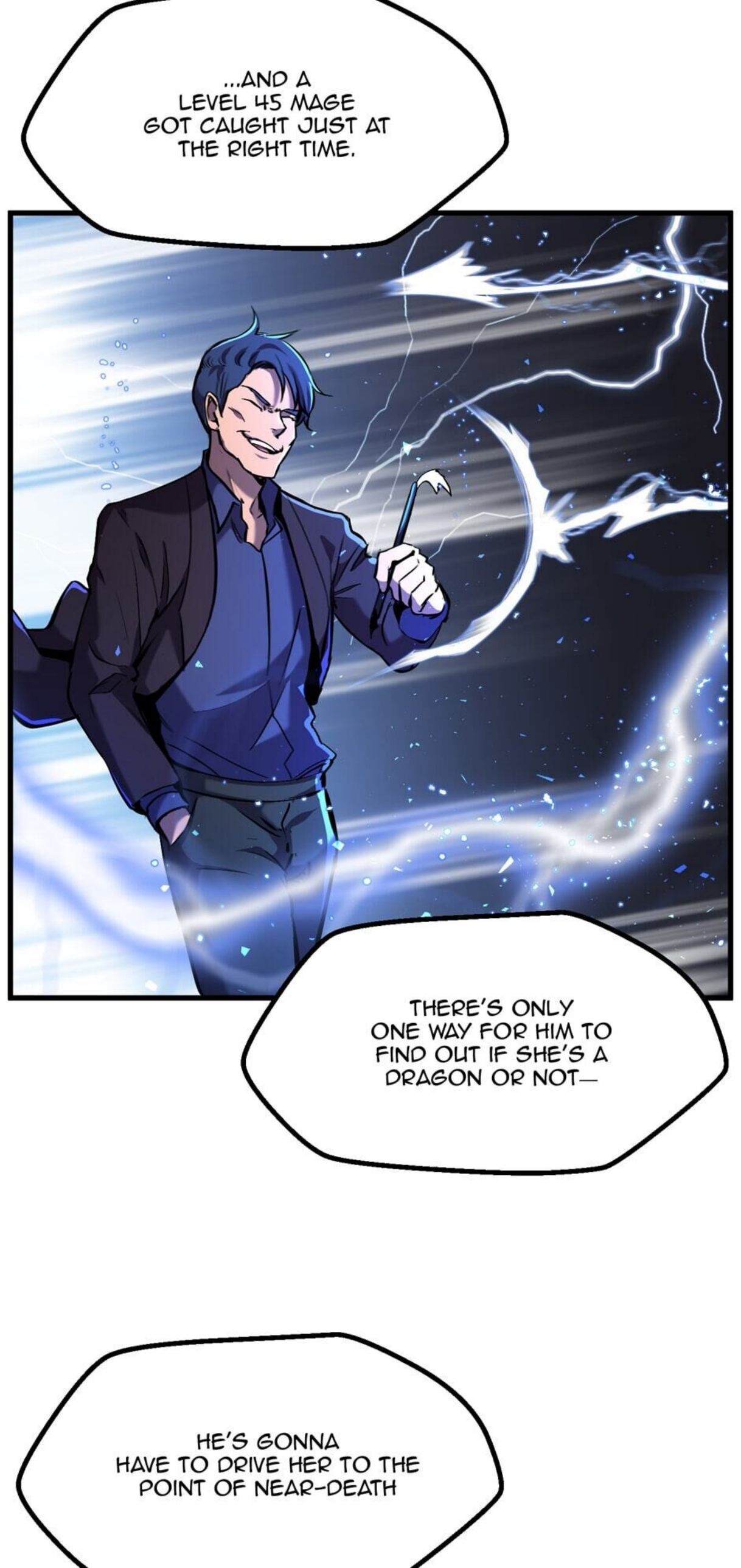

WELL...

THAT WON'T MATTER
IF THERE'S NO WITNESS~
BOOM
VZZZZ

CRACKS
BOOM
BOOM

OH NO! THEY'RE FIGHTING ALREADY!
DO YOU THINK ALEJANDRO FOUND OUT SHE'S A DRAGON?
YOU SAID HE COULDN'T RECOGNIZE A DRAGON CORE!

THAT'S RIGHT. THERE'S NO WAY FOR ALEJANDRO TO KNOW THAT.
ALL HE DID WAS THROW OUT THIS BAIT CALLED 'THE DRAGON'S NEST'...


...AND A LEVEL 45 MAGE GOT CAUGHT JUST AT THE RIGHT TIME.
THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY FOR HIM TO FIND OUT IF SHE'S A DRAGON OR NOT—
HE'S GONNA HAVE TO DRIVE HER TO THE POINT OF NEAR-DEATH

AND MAKE HER TRANSFORM INTO A DRAGON ON HER OWN.

WHAT?!
WHAT IF SHE'S NOT A DRAGON?

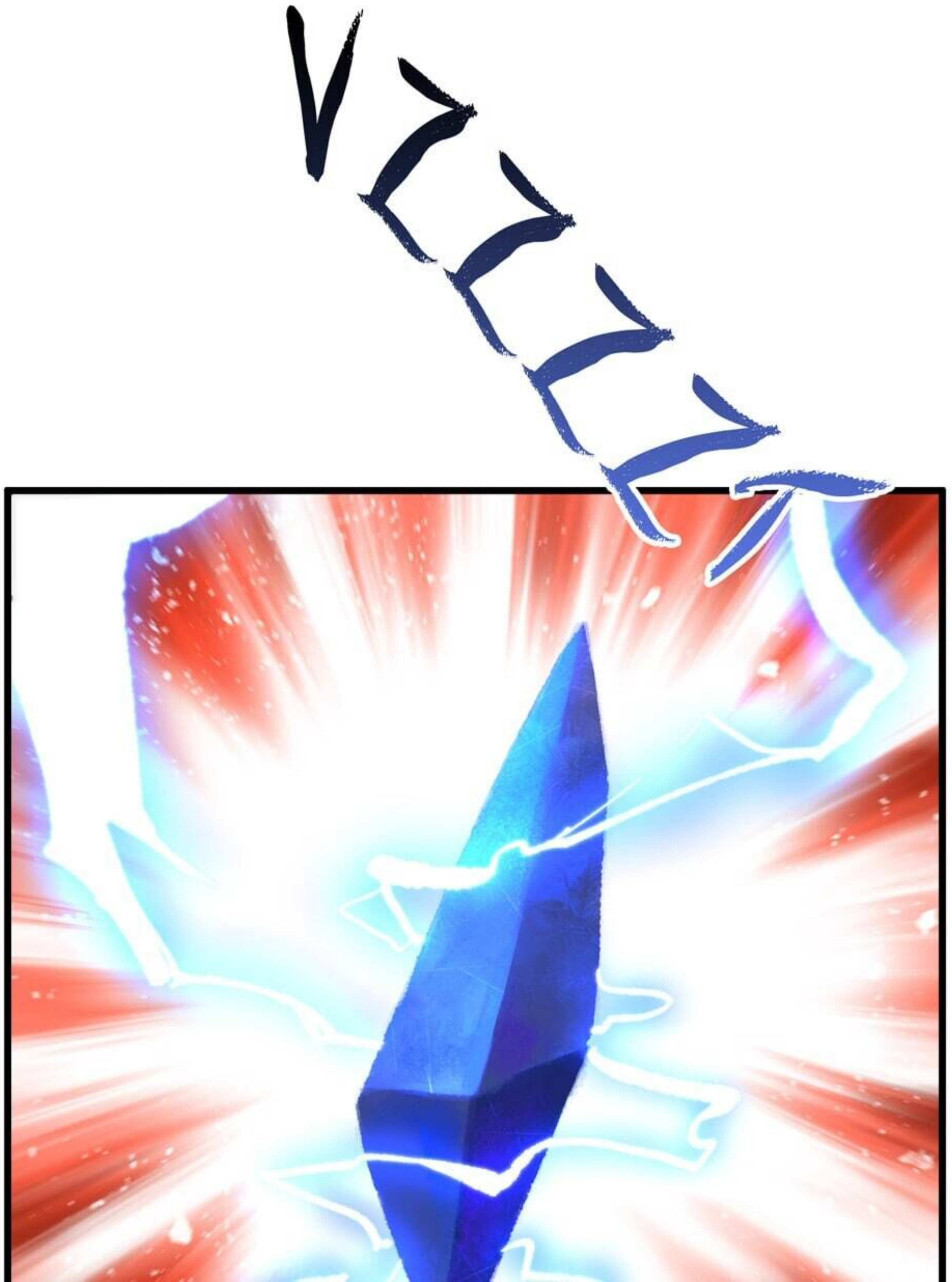
AN ORDINARY PERSON WOULD JUST DIE, NO?

ALEJANDRO WOULDN'T BLINK AN EYE AT THAT.

THAT'S THE KIND OF MAN HE IS.

THIS LEAVES US NO CHOICE...

BEFORE THE DRAGON'S IDENTITY IS EXPOSED...
...I MUST KILL THAT MAGE.



I DON'T HAVE MUCH MANA REMAINING... IT'S SO DIFFICULT TO EVEN JUST BLOCK HIS ATTACKS...!
CRACKLE

JUST WHAT... ARE YOU PLANNING TO DO WITH A DRAGON'S NEST?

DID YOU REALLY EXPECT ME TO ANSWER YOU IF YOU SIMPLY ASKED?

YOU'LL HAVE TO KILL ME AND FIND OUT YOURSELF IF YOU'RE THAT CURIOUS...

VZZZ-
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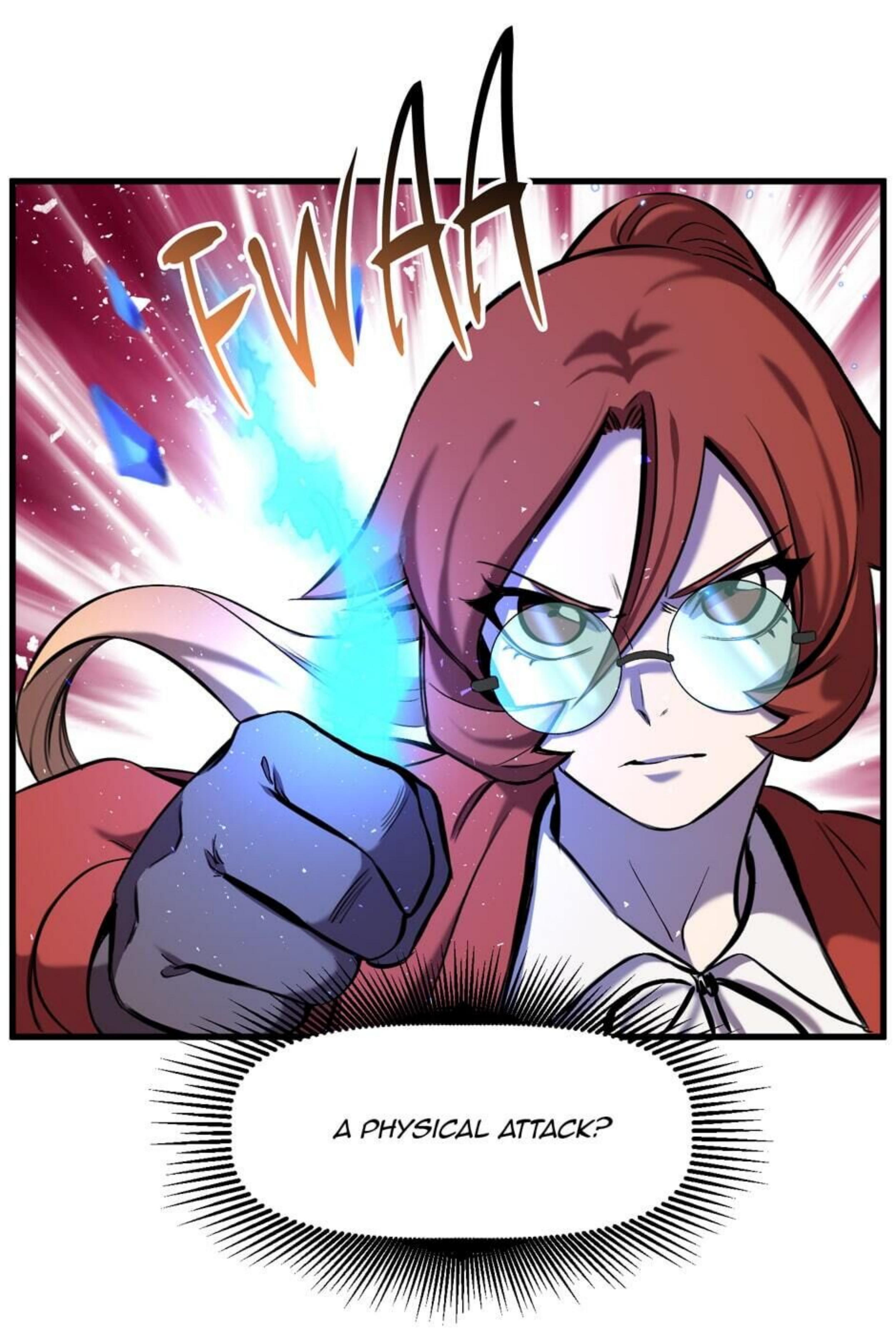
...IF YOU'RE
STILL ALIVE, THAT IS.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A PHYSICAL ATTACK?

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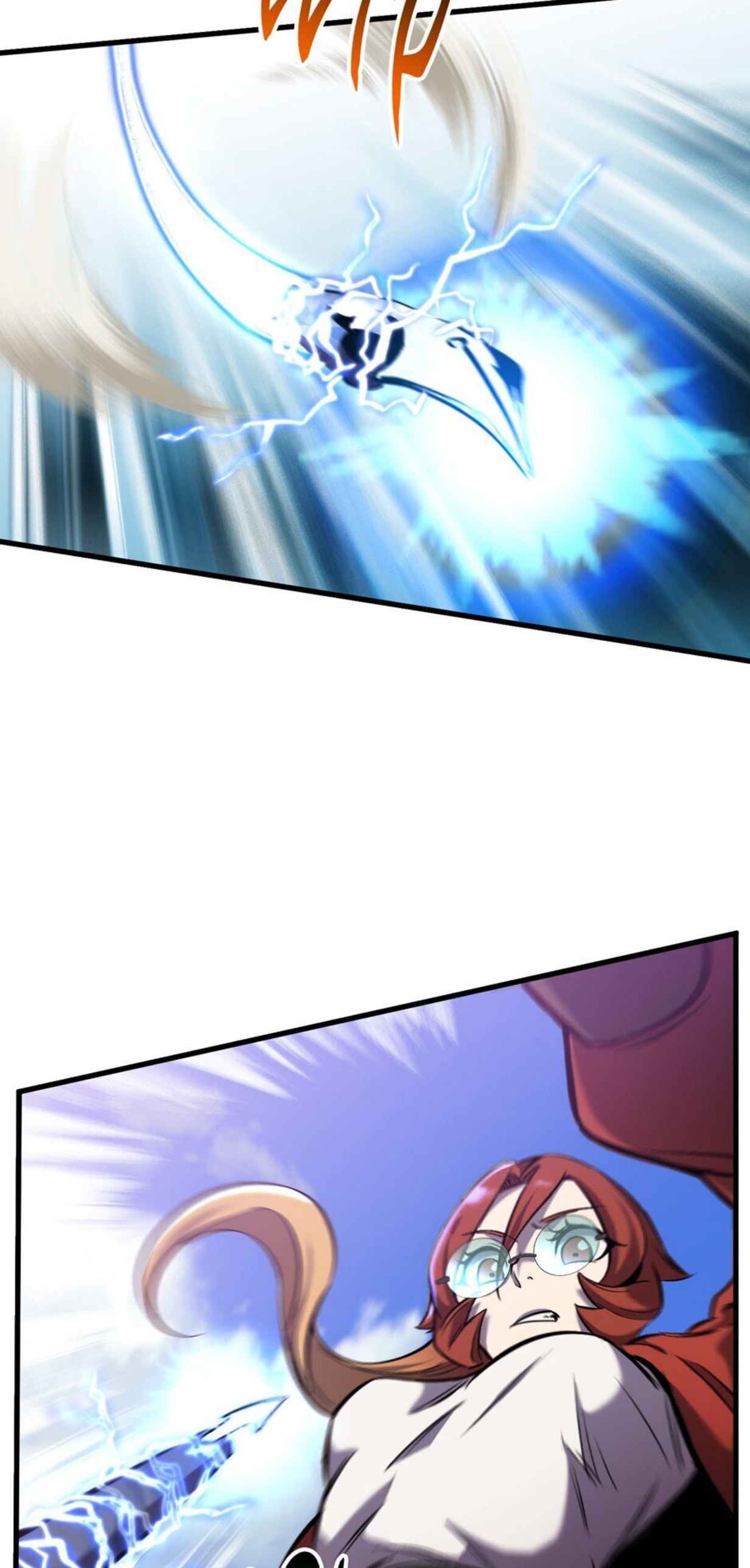

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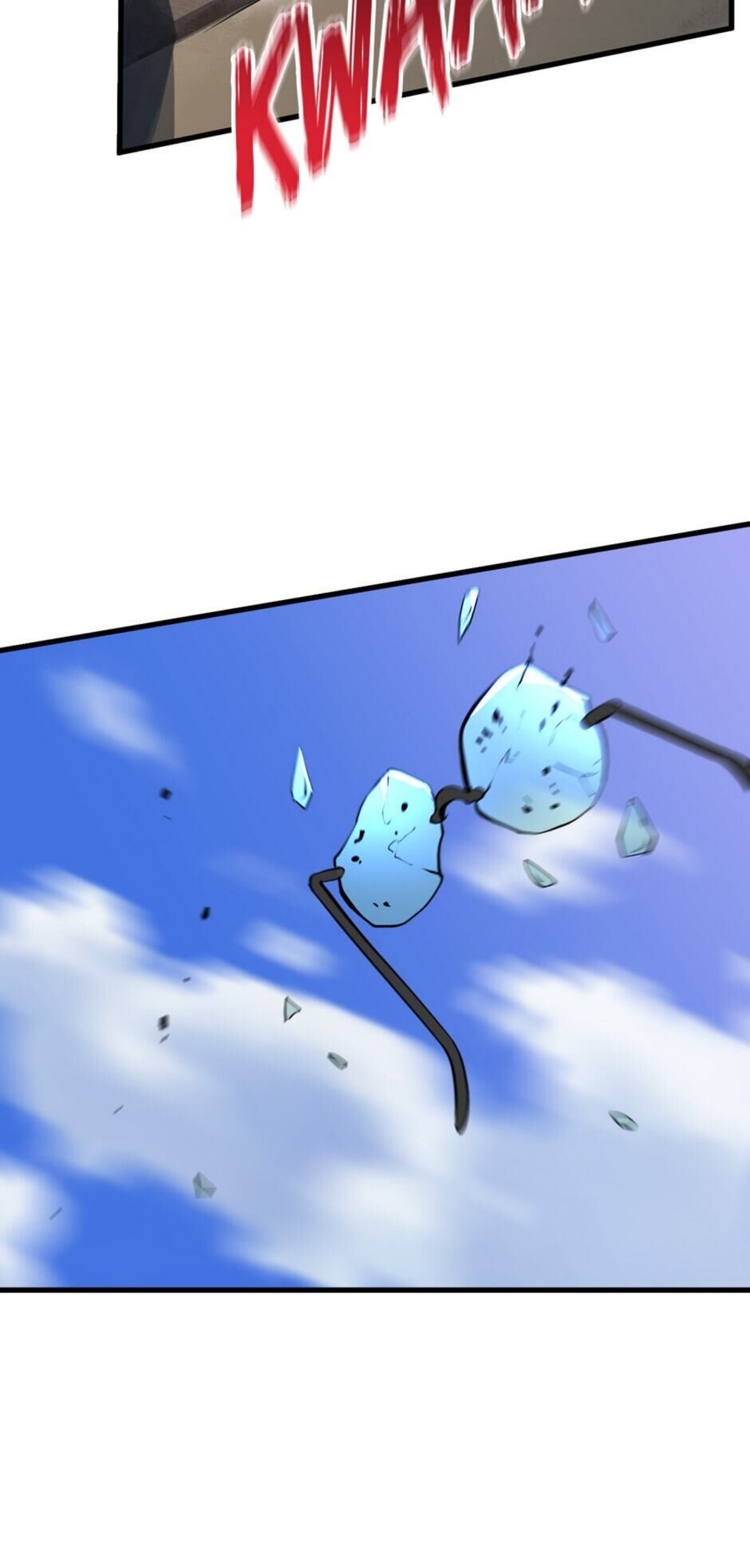
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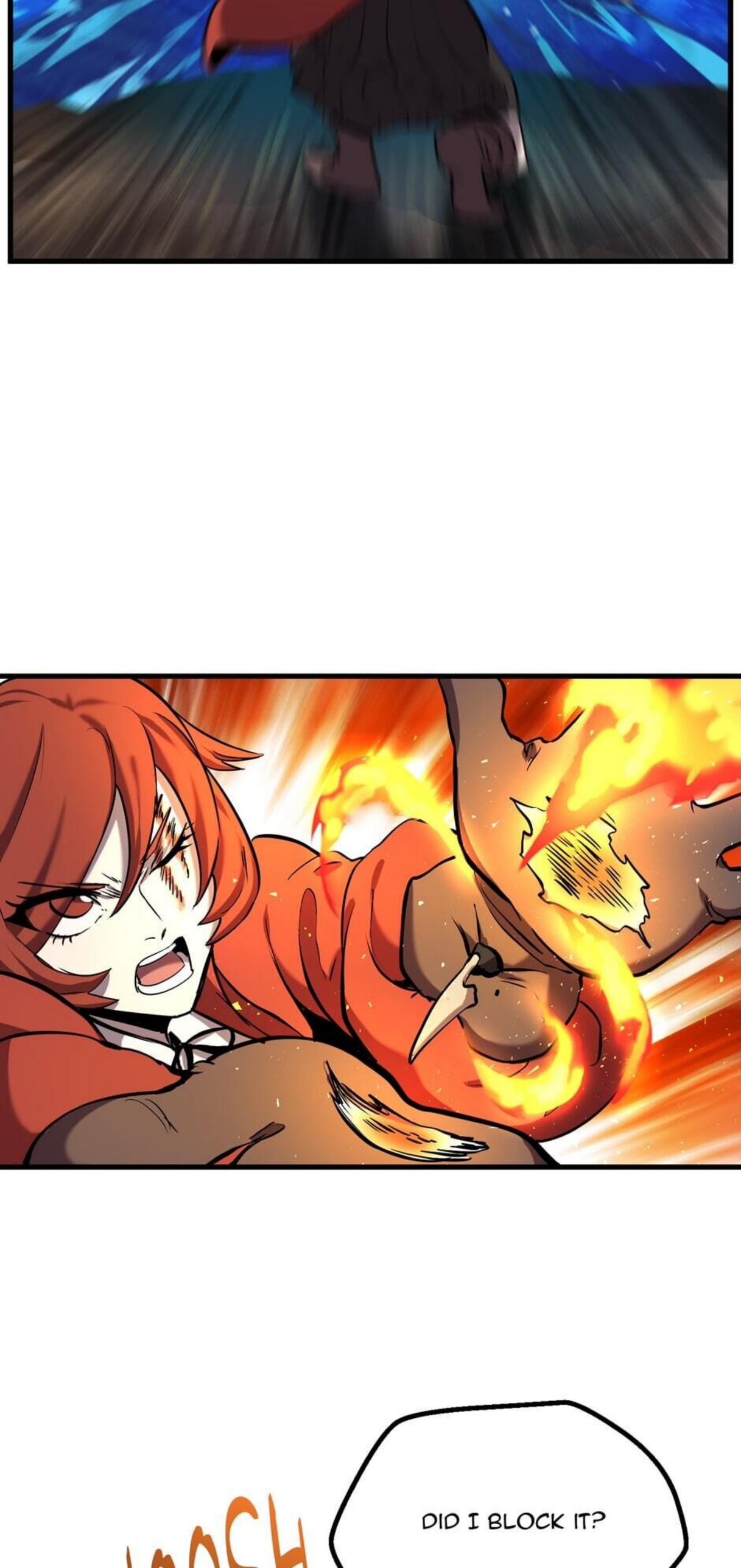
YOU'RE NOT DEAD ALREADY... ARE YOU?

BOOM


DID I BLOCK IT?

WHOOSH
JUST BARELY!

WHA...!

WHAM

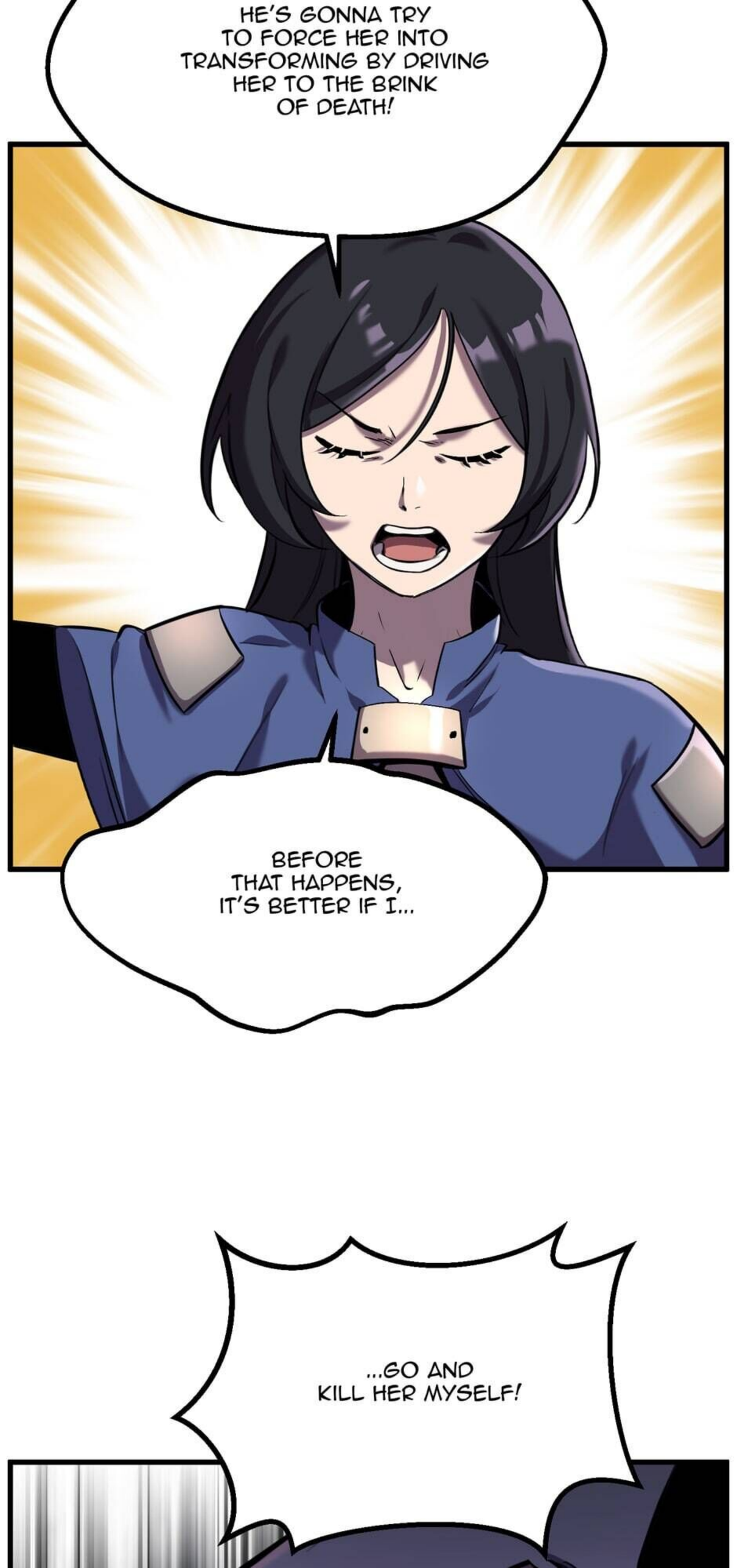
THUD
THUD

EVEN IF SHE'S DISGUISED AS A HUMAN, THIS IS TOO WEAK!
OR IS SHE A REAL HUMAN?

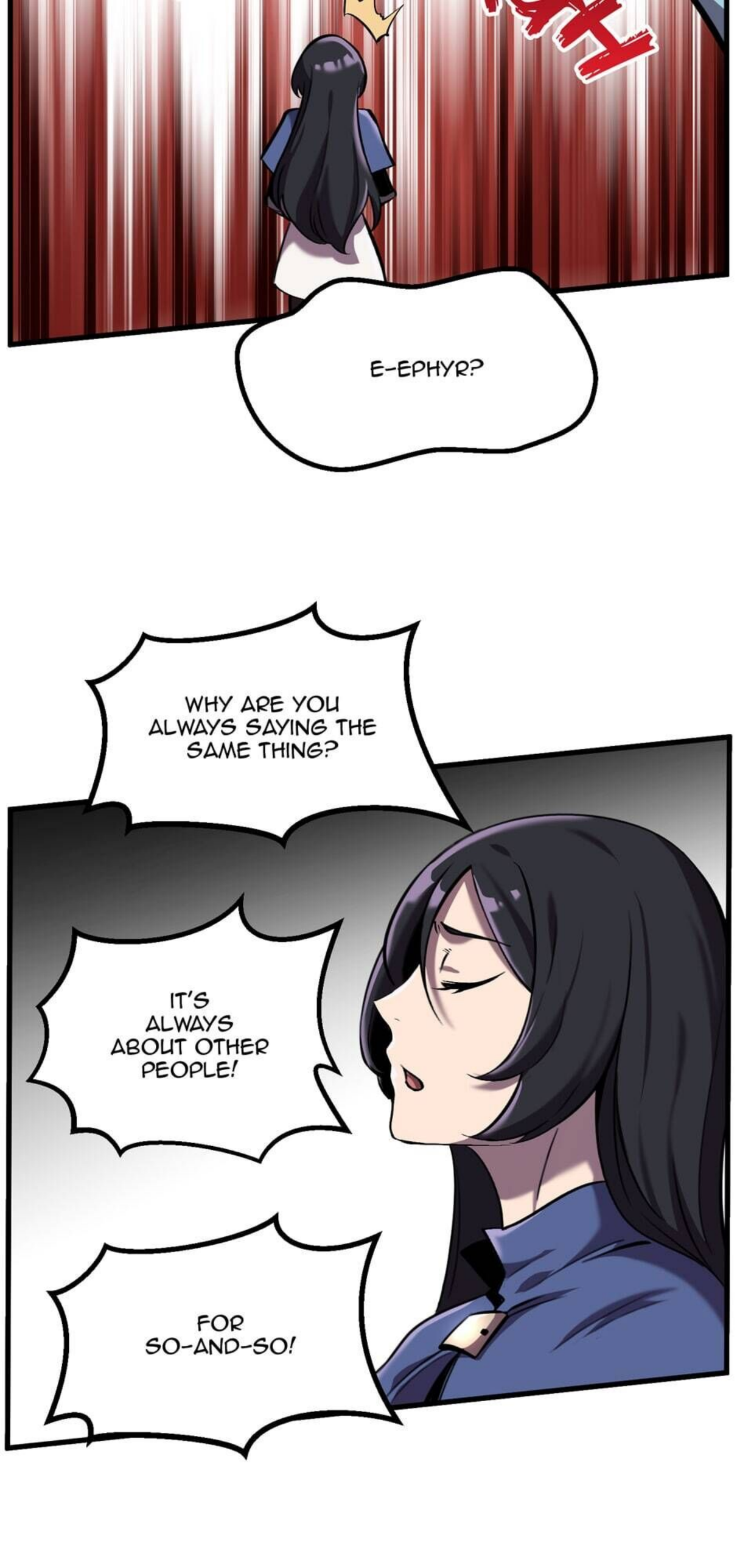
I GUESS
I'LL FIND OUT ONCE
I OPEN HER UP.
SHWOOO

WHY DID YOU TAKE US TO THE OPPOSITE SIDE, EPHYR?!

WE NEED TO GO WHERE ALEJANDRO IS!
WHAT WILL YOU DO ONCE YOU'RE THERE?


HE'S GONNA TRY TO FORCE HER INTO TRANSFORMING BY DRIVING HER TO THE BRINK OF DEATH!
BEFORE THAT HAPPENS, IT'S BETTER IF I...
...GO AND KILL HER MYSELF!

IF WE DON'T STOP ALEJANDRO'S PLAN, EVERYONE HERE WILL HAVE TO CONTINUE LIVING UNDER HIS CONTROL...
AAAHH! THIS IS SO ANNOYING!!
GRAAAARG


E-EPHYR?
WHY ARE YOU ALWAYS SAYING THE SAME THING?
IT'S ALWAYS ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE!
FOR SO-AND-SO!

FINE! I'M A COWARD!
HONESTLY, EVEN IF THAT MAGE WERE TO DIE, I'D JUST PRETEND I NEVER SAW IT.
I HAVE NO IDEA WHO SHE IS,
BUT I'M SURE SHE KNEW WHAT SHE WAS GETTING INTO!

BUT WHAT I'D HATE TO SEE...
...IS THAT YOU'D HAVE TO KILL SOMEONE WITH YOUR OWN HANDS!
NOT EVEN FOR YOURSELF, BUT FOR SOMEONE

ELSE!
AND YOUR CONSCIENCE WOULD NEVER FORGET IT!
THEN...
CLENCH

WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO?

JUST DO NOTHING AND WATCH IT HAPPEN LIKE BEFORE?

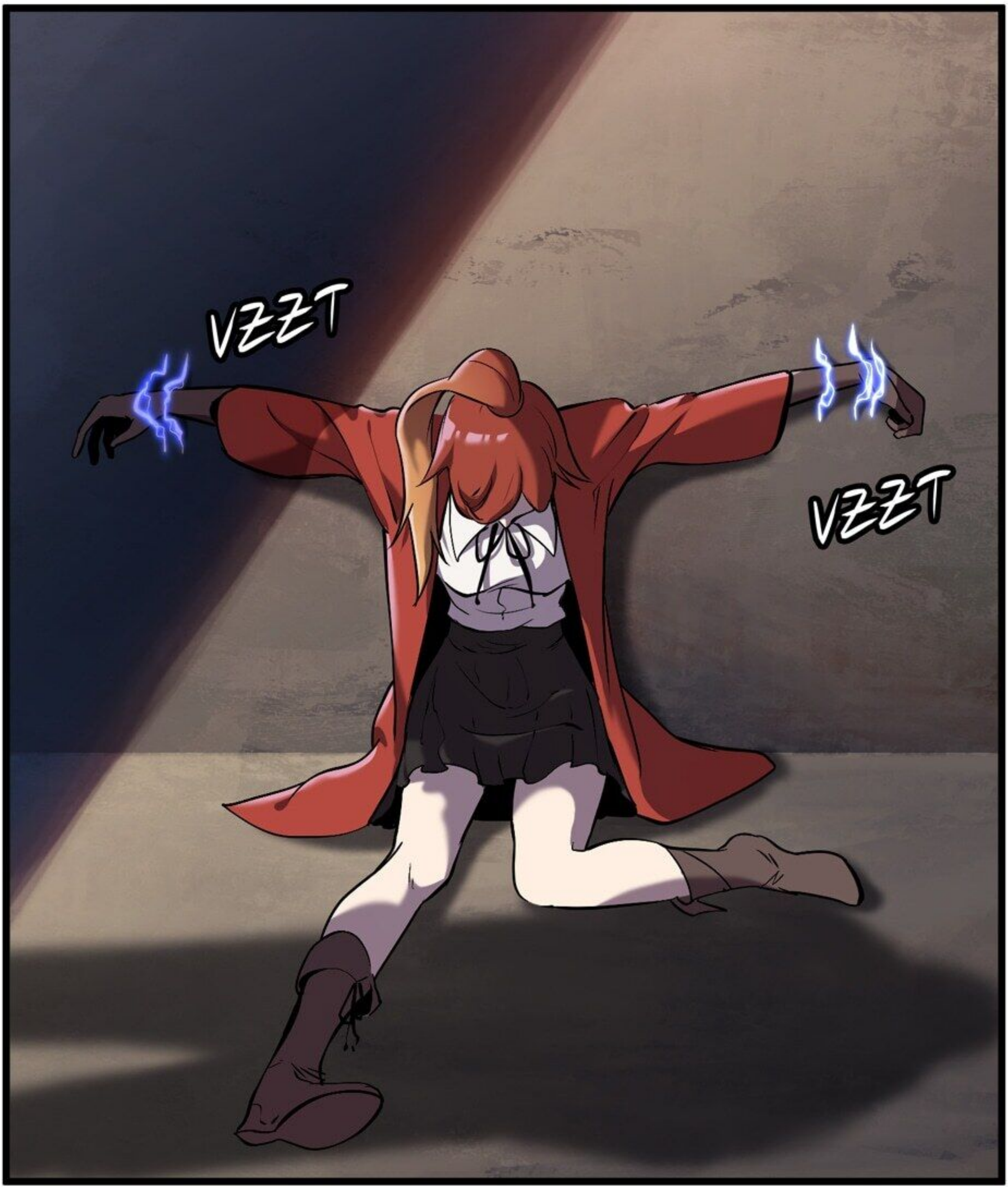
NOT BEING ABLE TO MOVE AN INCH OUT OF FEAR?
I'LL NEVER DO THAT AGAIN.
BUT...

THIS IS ALL I CAN DO!
THIS IS ALL I KNOW HOW TO DO! WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM ME?!

THAT'S WHY!

THIS TIME...

I'LL HANDLE IT.


VZZT
VZZT

HMM... I'M GETTING TIRED OF WAITING NOW.
TELL ME THE TRUTH! WHAT'S YOUR REAL PURPOSE IN COMING HERE?

THIS PLACE...
SHOULDN'T EXIST...
THERE'S...
NOTHING FOR YOU...
TO GAIN HERE.

OH...?
WHAT MAKES YOU SAY THAT?
ONLY A REAL DRAGON COULD HANDLE A DRAGON'S NEST.

YOU NEED A DRAGON CORE TO MATERIALIZE ITS ENERGY.
HMM? WHAT IF I'M A DRAGON?
I GUESS THAT'S POSSIBLE...
BUT FORTUNATELY...

THIS PLACE ISN'T PERFECTED ENOUGH TO BE A DRAGON'S NEST.
WHATEVER YOUR GOAL IS... IT WON'T BE SO EASY TO ACHIEVE IT.

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THAT'S NOT FOR YOU TO WORRY ABOUT.
CRACKLE

THIS REALLY IS YOUR *FINAL* CHANCE.
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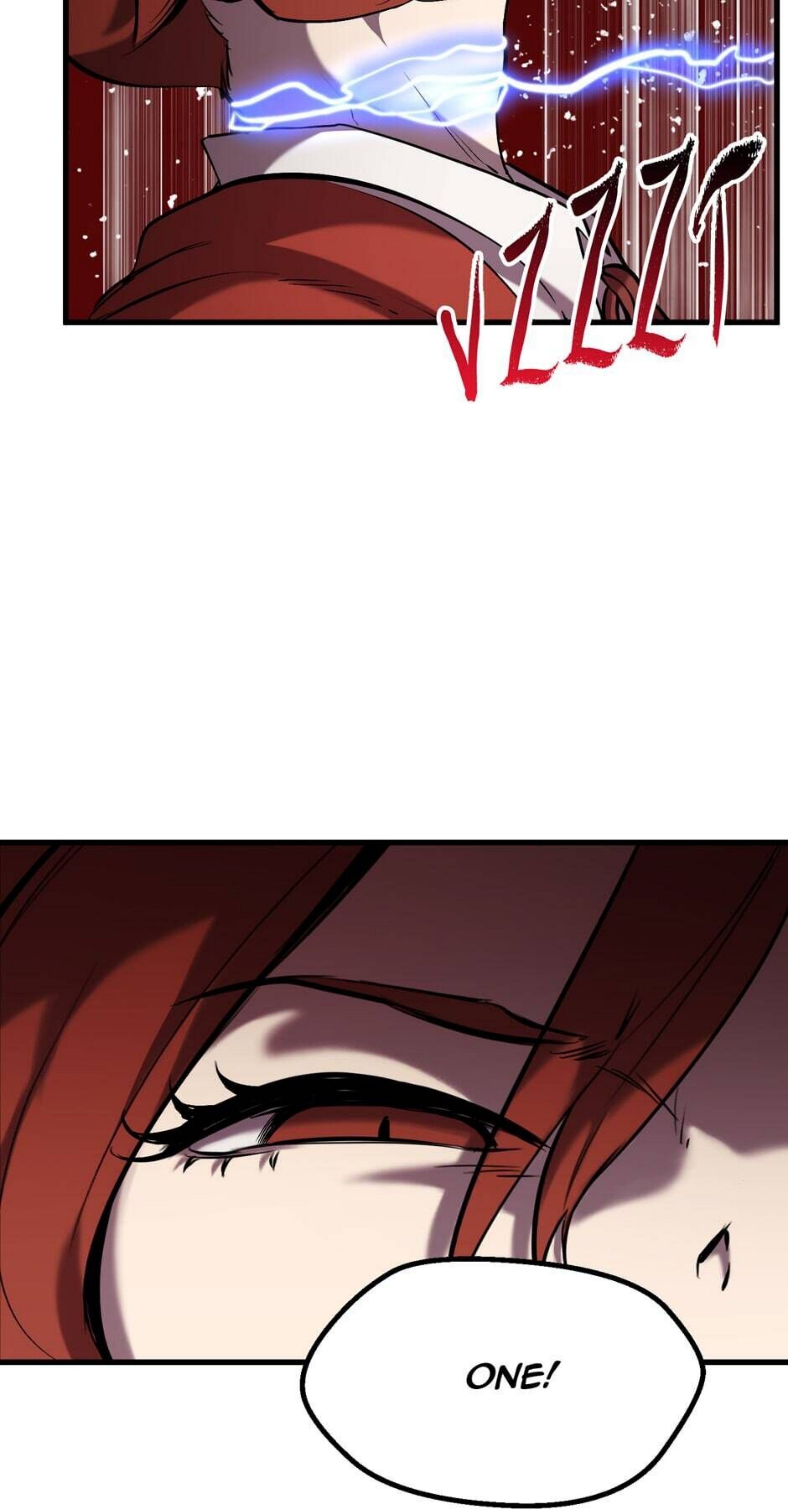
WITH JUST A LITTLE EFFORT IN MY GRIP, I CAN SNAP YOUR NECK.

OR, IF I JUST LET GO, YOU'LL END UP AS A BLOODY PULP DOWN BELOW.
IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING UP YOUR SLEEVE, NOW'S YOUR ONLY CHANCE TO USE IT.

THREE...

TWO...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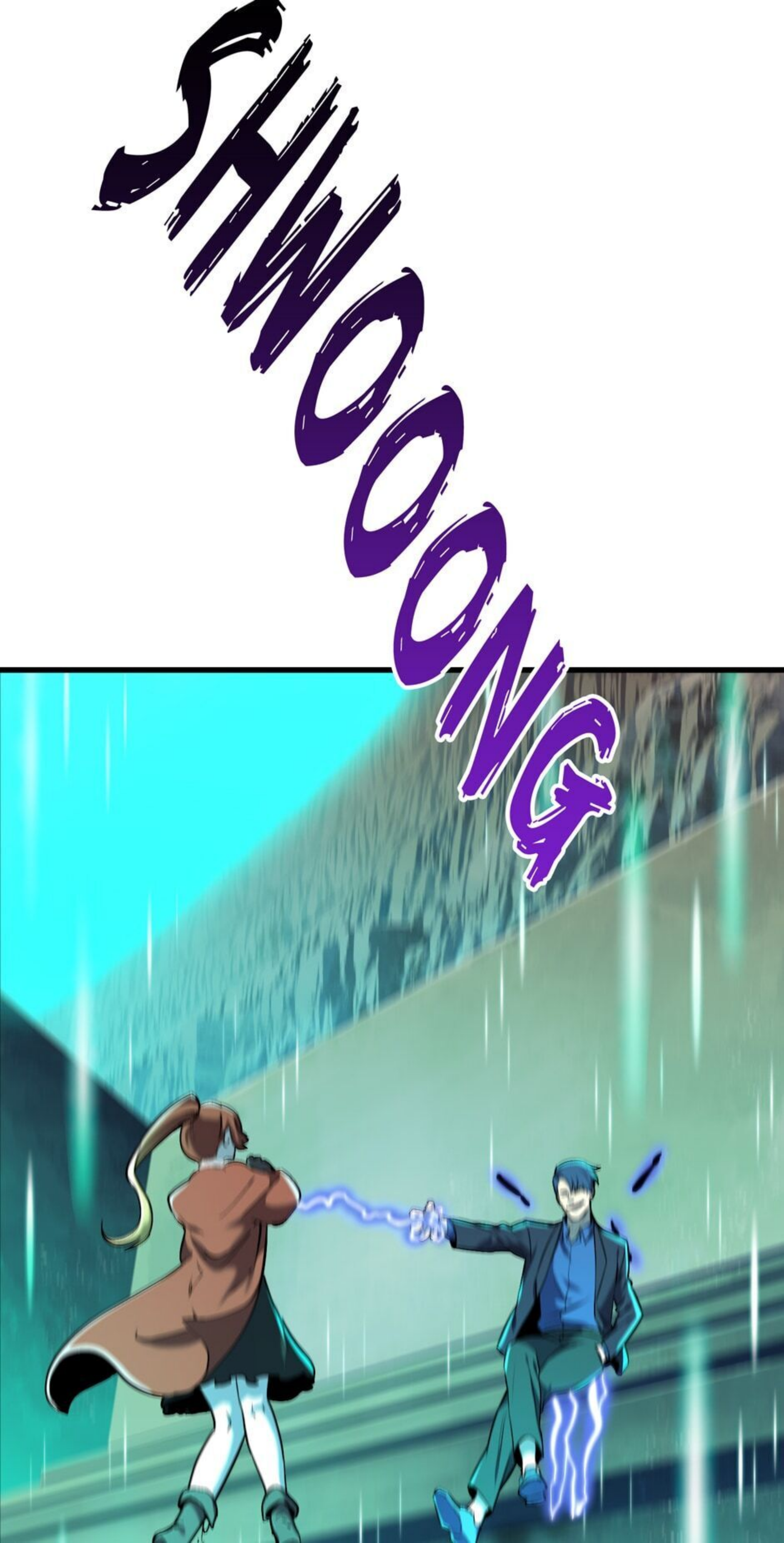
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RED DOG
CULTURE HOUSE

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SAGA
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